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Washington, March 4.—The first chief executive to take the oath of office in the chamber of the senate in seventy-six years, William Howard Taft became president of the United States today.

Sudden Blizzard Set Things Awry.
Accompanied to the capitol by President Roosevelt and a guard of honor through a blinding snowstorm, Mr. Taft returned to the White House just as the sun began to force its way through the thinning clouds of gray. A sudden blizzard sweeping in from the northwest last night, to set awry the weather bureau's optimistic promise of "fair and somewhat foggy" caused an abandonment of the outdoor ceremonies on the famous east front of the capitol, much to Mr. Taft's chagrin, and threatened for a time to stop altogether the brilliant pageant of the afternoon.

Three Hours' Review of Passing Columns.
By great efforts a passageway was cleared along the center of Pennsylvania avenue, however, and for nearly three hours President Taft and Vice President Sherman reviewed passing columns replete with martial splendor and picturesque with civic display.

Roosevelt Again a Private Citizen.
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At the head of the column playing amid long lines, told the story of the march and the inauguration, was compelled time and time again to acknowledge the cheers from the throng which lined his way.

There rose a wall of nearly two hours at the station, during which Mr. Roosevelt held an impromptu reception in the presidential suite. Many of his old friends and the government officials and the diplomatic corps, sought him for a final word of farewell. As he made his way to the train shortly after three o'clock he was cheered by thousands.

Glad to Relinquish Office.
To all with whom he talked, Mr. Roosevelt declared that while he had fully time to spend, he was glad to lay down the duties of office. He praised his successor and commented upon the latter's inaugural address as splendid.

Inaugural Ball in Pension Building.
President and Mrs. Taft were the centers of interest at the culminating feature of the memorable day—the inaugural ball in the pension building. The scene in the pension building, which had been transformed into a splendid court of ivory and white, was another of the brilliant pictures which are quadrupled in the eyes of the gathering of vast and brilliant assemblages from every section of the country. With all the color and movement of a military gala, and with the softening influence of delicately tinted gowns and the interest of a personnel seldom equaled at a social function, the inaugural ball was a place unique in the history making of a day.

Magnificent Fireworks.
While the ball was in progress indoors, a display of fireworks on the monument lot rear of the White House marked the end of the outdoor campaign.

For hours the thickly clouded heavens were alight with flaming rockets with sun clusters that challenged the brilliance of day, with fiery "cobras" and all the fantastic creations of modern pyrotechny, and with floating lanterns, illuminated balloons and scores of other features made the display visible from one end of the capitol to the other.

Prior to his visit to the hall President Taft entertained at tea in the White House the members of the Yale club, which was the first of the day, and stopped at the Metropolitan club to say a few words at the dinner of the Yale class of '78.

Steady Cheers and Plaudits for Mr. Taft.
Mr. Taft's day was one of steady cheers and plaudits from the moment he first appeared on the White House porch to go to his inauguration until he retired to his room at the Pension Building from the inaugural ball. Mr. and Mrs. Taft were the guests of the Roosevelts at the White House last night, settling a new precedent in the courtesy of the executive mansion, as they did again today when Mrs. Taft accompanied the newly made president and Mr. Sherman, the new vice president, from the capitol at the head of the imposing parade to the White House. This presidential carriage, drawn by four bay horses which had been seen against the storm as President Roosevelt and Mr. Taft made their way to the capitol, was driven open as the retiring chief executive and President Taft, quickly recognized by the crowds which stood enthusiastically unmindful of the ankle-deep snow and slush about them, were acclaimed all along the great distances of the avenue. Wearing his broadest of smiles, he bowed right and left in acknowledgment of the cheering ovations which marked his progress to the White House.

Happy as Two Boys.
When they met at breakfast this morning with the world all white outside, and the song of the blizzard ringing in their ears, Mr. Taft and President Roosevelt were as happy as two boys.

"I knew it would be a cold day when I was made president of the United States," exclaimed Mr. Taft, "and I knew there would be a blizzard clear up to the moment I went out of office," rejoined President Roosevelt.

Outdoor Ceremony Abandoned.
Despite his untiring good humor, Mr. Taft was deeply disappointed when, upon arriving at the capitol, shortly after 11 o'clock, he found that

the committee on arrangements had practically abandoned all hope of an outdoor ceremony. Mr. Taft, however, was anxious that the great American people represented in the throngs which gathered every four years on the capitol plaza should have their usual share in viewing the inauguration.

Compelled to Change Programme.
It was indeed dangerous, however, to force upon the venerable members of the supreme court, the senate and the diplomatic corps when so many of his fellow citizens were gathered outside the capitol. So, followed by all the distinguished company which had assembled in the hall of the senate, he proceeded to the portico of the east front, and there took the oath of office and delivered his inaugural address.

To effect the change in ceremonies from the great grand stand along the east front of the capitol to the chamber, it was necessary today to rush a special resolution through the house and senate.

Ceremonies in Senate Chamber.
When President Roosevelt and Mr. Taft were announced at the main door of the senate, opposite the presiding officer's desk, the auditorium of the upper branch of congress held what was probably its most brilliant assemblage of dignitaries of state and nation, and rightly understood ambassadors, ministers and special representatives from practically every country of the civilized world.

On the floor of the chamber, to the right and left of the center aisle, were ranged the members of the diplomatic corps, the black robed justices of the supreme court, and members of the house and senate, the admirals of the navy, the chief of staff of the army, and the chief of police and other distinguished visitors. An entire section of the gallery to the left of the presiding officer's desk had been reserved for the guests of the new president. Members of Mr. Sherman's family also had a space set apart for them.

Oath Administered by Mr. Sherman.
The ceremonies of the inaugural formal and regular session of the Fairbanks in a farewell address which elicited applause and cheering during the sixtieth congress at an end. Turned to Mr. Sherman, the new president, he administered to his successor the oath of office and turned over to him the keys of the city. Following the reading of thanks to Mr. Fairbanks had been unanimously carried. Mr. Sherman in turning the keys to Mr. Taft, in a brief address, said that the inauguration of the new president was a day of great importance in the history of the nation.

Reading of the Inaugural Address.
Mr. Taft took up a position facing the members of his family grouped in the center of the chief justice began the administration of the oath in a low tone. As he paused at the end of each phrase, Mr. Taft caught up his words and repeated them in a clear, distinct voice, which carried impressively to the further recesses of the chamber. When he at last kissed the hands of the chief justice, he was applauded, a grasp of the hand by the chief justice and President Taft began immediately the enunciation of the inaugural policies of his administration in his inaugural address. (Printed on another page.) He read from typewritten manuscript, but his familiarity with the text enabled him to put emphasis on the points he wished most to impress upon his hearers, not the least interested of whom was the retiring chief executive.

Taft and Roosevelt Part.
When Mr. Taft had concluded Mr. Roosevelt immediately made his way to the rostrum.

President Taft advanced to greet him.
The two shook hands warmly and with hands on each other's shoulders they conversed earnestly and enthusiastically for a few minutes. During the leave taking everyone in the senate chamber stood still and looked on with keenest interest at the unusual plotter. At last the retiring president and Mr. Roosevelt parted and one of the side doors leading into the senate lobby. He was followed by resounding cheers. President Taft was escorted out through the main door amid cheering. The distinguished guests departed in the order in which they had entered the senate chamber. The great crowds outside the capitol echoed the cheering of those who had forced their way in. Mr. Taft entered the presidential carriage with Mrs. Taft. The escort began to move the ceremonies of the assumption of office were at an end.

Parade Mobilized in Snow and Slush.
The troops and civic bodies came

poling the notable parade of the afternoon mobilized in snow and slush which in places was deeper than their legging tops. Down Pennsylvania avenue, walled in with spectators, they found and swept directly down the thoroughfare with a velocity undiminished from the morning hours. The snow had ceased, however, and faint streaks of blue were apparent through the banks of gray clouds.

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Washington, March 4.—With thousands of his countrymen bidding him an affectionate adieu, Theodore Roosevelt, the retiring president of the United States, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, took his departure from the national capital for his home at Oyster Bay, N. Y., at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon. As he was leaving the scene of seven years of strenuous activity, Mr. Roosevelt was every indication of delight at being relieved of official cares. Looking somewhat tired, but happy, the former president was deeply moved by the affectionate good-byes and the honor which awaited him in his train at the station.

"Good-bye and good luck to you," were his farewell words to the thousands who witnessed his departure. It was a stirring spectacle when the great crowd waved handkerchiefs in unison and shouted: "Good-bye, Teddy!"

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt occupied a drawing room on the Pullman car Clyde.
All the way from the capitol to the Union station, where he arrived at 1.50 p. m., Mr. Roosevelt, escorted by the New York county republican committee, 800 members of the New York county committee, and a tremendous ovation, which he greatly appreciated. A band played "Auld Lang Syne."

"What's the matter with Teddy?" shouted Representative Herbert Newcomb of New York, who headed the escort.

"He's all right," answered the crowd, and three cheers were given for the retiring president.
Addressing the escort, Mr. Roosevelt said: "I want to thank you heartily for escorting me to the station and for letting me say to you how much I appreciate your country. Good-bye and good luck to all."

Then, turning to the group which had preceded to the station by Mr. Roosevelt and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, he held an impromptu reception in the president's private car. The members of his former cabinet officers, members of the diplomatic corps, officials and other admiring friends came there and bade him farewell.

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Cabled Paragraphs.

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Berlin, March 4.—Despatches received at the foreign office here confirm the reports that the Serbian premier, Nikola Pasic, has been elected to the office of Russia, France, Great Britain and Italy, does not insist upon territorial compensation from Austria.

Paris, March 4.—The police have discovered the whereabouts of the three children who were kidnapped some time ago by Mr. and Mrs. Sargent. Now under arrest, charged with cruelty. One of these, Jean Durasse, who was born in Versailles in 1902, is being cared for in Brooklyn, N. Y., and the other two in London at the expense of the Sargents. The magistrate believed that the case was a hoax, but day appointed three doctors to examine into the mental condition of Mrs. Sargent.

AUTOMOBILE LAW.
HEARINGS CONTINUED.
Many Phases of the Matter Discussed at Hartford.

Hartford, Conn., March 4.—The hearings on the matter of laws regarding automobiles was continued before the committee on roads, rivers and bridges today and many phases of the matter were taken up and discussed. The principal speaker before the committee was the Rev. Newman Smythe, who was willing to give up his salary in order to do the work. The position will be honorary.

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